

Pella Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod
315 S. Madison St. Waupun, Wisconsin
December 27, 2020

Welcome to Pella Lutheran Church! Thank you for silencing cell phones. Please fill out the yellow registration card and place it in the card holder nearest the center aisle.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers Today:

Health Concerns: Merlin Bowe, Nancy Buss, Larry Holz, Lyle Hull, Sandra Alverado, Clete Zills, Steve Boskuil (friend of Cherie Witkowski), Cleburn Talley

Birthdays: Lisa Dykstra, Lora Huizenga, Shawn Lang, Alice Rahn

Sermon: "Learning to Trust a Little Longer" Luke 2:25-38, Rev. Ken Loehrke

Lord's Supper Announcement (10:30 a.m.): All communicant members in good standing of Pella Lutheran or another Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregation are welcome to the Lord's table. If you are not a member of an LCMS congregation, we ask that you please not partake of the sacrament at this time. Our pastor would be happy to answer any questions you may have about this.

New Year's Eve—Join us Thursday for the Divine Service with Holy Communion at 5:30 p.m.

Altar Flowers Chart: A new altar flower chart for 2021 has been placed in the narthex. Please sign up next to the date that you would like to donate flowers and use the special envelope. The cost each week is \$25.00.

Enlarged Print Service folders (including worship bulletin insert and hymns) are available in the narthex and near the elevator.

Children's Bulletins are available in the narthex. These children's bulletins feature activities focused on the gospel reading of the day.

Portals of Prayer: The January-March Portals of Prayer devotional booklets are available in the Narthex and near the elevator.

2021 Offering Envelopes are available on a table in the fellowship hall downstairs.

Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class: There will be no bible class today, December 27. Please join us next Sunday as we begin a new topic.

Thursday Morning Bible Class: Please join us Thursdays at 10 a.m. as Vicar Wendorff leads us in a study of 1 Peter, starting again on Jan. 7.

Men's Bible Study: Saturdays @ 7 a.m. Men of all ages are invited. We are studying the Gospel of John.

Homework Help: Beginning January 12, Kevin and Lisa Hahn, both teachers, are offering to assist students on Tuesdays from 4:30-6:00 p.m. here at Pella, accompanied by a parent. They are willing help students with any subject in any grade at no cost. For more information, please email or call the church office.

Yarn Contributions are still being collected for the Dodge Correctional Institution. We received a large box of hats and scarves knit by DCI inmates which will be sent with Orphan Grain Train.

Poinsettia Plants

Given by:

George & Rosemary Baumann
Kora Samplawski
Deb Oppermaun
Kathy Ryan & Walter Dudzinske

Vanderbush Family
Barbara Henning
Tom Streblov
Marj Peachey
Ken & Loretta Gedamke
Hahn Family
Heather Buhalog
Sharon Friese

In Memory of:

Our Parents
Mike Kwakkel
Barnard & Carol Oppermaun
Elmer & Geraldine Dudzinske,
Laura Prest, Robert Ryan,
Laura & Walter Kuehn, and
Leona & Tom Dudzinske
Jim & Ann Vanderbush
Harvey & Marie Henning
Bonnie Streblov
Bob Peachey
All our relatives who have passed
Betty Ann & Bernie Rydlund

You may take your plant(s) home following the service today.

Divine Service

HYMN	#907	
INVOCATION		Page 184
INTROIT		insert
GLORIA PATRI		Page 186
KYRIE		Page 186
SALUTATION		Page 189
COLLECT		insert
O.T. READING		insert
EPISTLE READING		insert
HOLY GOSPEL		insert
NICENE CREED		Page 191
HYMN	#937	
SERMON		
OFFERTORY		Page 192
HYMN	#338	
PRAYER		
<i>- Service of the Sacrament (10:30) -</i>		
PREFACE		Page 194
SANCTUS		Page 195
LORD'S PRAYER		Page 196
AGNUS DEI		Page 198
Communion Hymns: #619, 617		
NUNC DIMITTIS		Page 199
THANKSGIVING		Page 200
SALUTATION		Page 201
BENEDICTION		Page 202
HYMN	#720	

This Week at Pella

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY December 27
8:00 a.m. Divine Service
8:00 a.m. Facebook Live Video
9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study (No Sunday School)
10:30 a.m. Divine Service w/Holy Communion
11:00 a.m. Radio Broadcast

MONDAY December 28

TUESDAY December 29

WEDNESDAY December 30

THURSDAY December 31

New Year's Eve

5:30 p.m. Divine Service w/Holy Communion

FRIDAY January 1

Church Office Closed

SATURDAY January 2

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

SUNDAY January 3

8:00 a.m. Divine Service w/Holy Communion
8:00 a.m. Facebook Live Video
9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Divine Service
11:00 a.m. Radio Broadcast
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class



About the Cover: How joyously Simeon must have exclaimed as he held the Savior of the world in his hands! We are not told how long Simeon waited to see the Messiah, but what a divine peace that God gives in this little child. Christ has come to die and rise in order to bring life, and this means peace for those who wait on the Lord. Because Jesus has come to us, our lives are in God's hands!

SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 27

Elder: Ben Kuenzi
Organist: Christal Zills
Video: Steve Schmitz
Audio: Warren Schmitz /
George Baumann
Finance: Ben & Debbie Kuenzi

Thursday, December 31

Elder: Darwin Wetzel
Organist: Christal Zills

SERVING NEXT WEEK

Sunday, January 3

Elder: Ben Kuenzi
Organist: Christal Zills
Video: Harvey Schmitz
Audio: Warren Schmitz /
George Baumann
Finance: Marj Peachey / Diana Beder

Attendance:

Wednesday, Dec. 16, Noon: 33, 7PM: 16
Sunday, Dec. 20, 8AM: 59, 10:30AM: 28
Visitors: 10

Contributions:

Week of December 20: \$6,282.00

During services, offerings will be collected at the door — a plate will not be passed. You may continue to mail your offerings to the church or place it in the depository slot near the inside gym doors. Online giving is also available on our website.

PELLA STAFF

Pastor David Knuth
324-3321, ext. 102
324-3210, Home
217-320-2048, Cell
Email: dknuth@pellalutheran.org

Tomi Knuth, Secretary
324-3321, ext. 101
Email: tknuth@pellalutheran.org

Vicar Aaron Wendorff
507-766-2165, Cell
Email: aaron.wendorff@ctsfw.edu

PELLA OFFICERS

President:

George Baumann

Vice President:

Sam Mattheis

Secretary:

Pat Reifsnider

Treasurer:

Sandy Armga

Financial Secretary:

Deb Kuenzi

Head Trustee:

Craig Verheyen

Website:

pellalutheran.org

Radio Broadcast:

Sundays @ 11 AM
WFDL/103.3 FM or
1170 AM

Lutheran Hour:

Sundays @ 7 AM
WFDL/103.3 FM or
1170 AM

Pella Lutheran Church

December 27, 2020

First Sunday after Christmas

907 God Himself Is Present



1 God Him - self is pres - ent: Let us now a - dore Him
2 God Him - self is pres - ent: Hear the harps re - sound - ing;
3 Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Pu - ri - fy my spir - it,



And with awe ap - pear be - fore Him. God is in His
See the hosts the throne sur - round - ing. "Ho - ly, ho - ly,
Trust - ing on - ly in Your mer - it. Like the ho - ly



tem - ple; All with - in keep si - lence; Hum - bly kneel in
ho - ly!" Hear the hymn as - cend - ing, Songs of saints and
an - gels, Wor - ship - ing be - fore You, May I cease - less -



deep - est rev - 'rence. He a - lone On His throne
an - gels blend - ing. Bow Your ear To us here:
ly a - dore You. Let Your will Ev - er still



Is our God and Sav - ior; Praise His name for - ev - er!
Hear, O Christ, the prais - es That Your Church now rais - es.
Rule Your Church ter - res - trial As the hosts ce - les - tial.

Tune and text: Public domain

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Introit

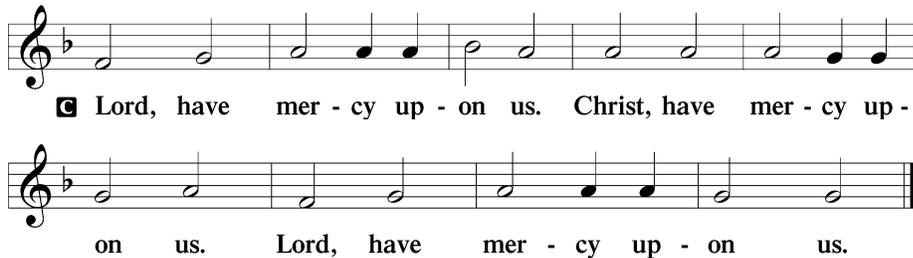
Psalm 98:1–4; antiphon: Isaiah 52:10

The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the | nations,*
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation | of our God.
Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!*
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.
The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;*
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.
He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of | Israel.*
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.
Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth;*
break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the | nations,*
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation | of our God.



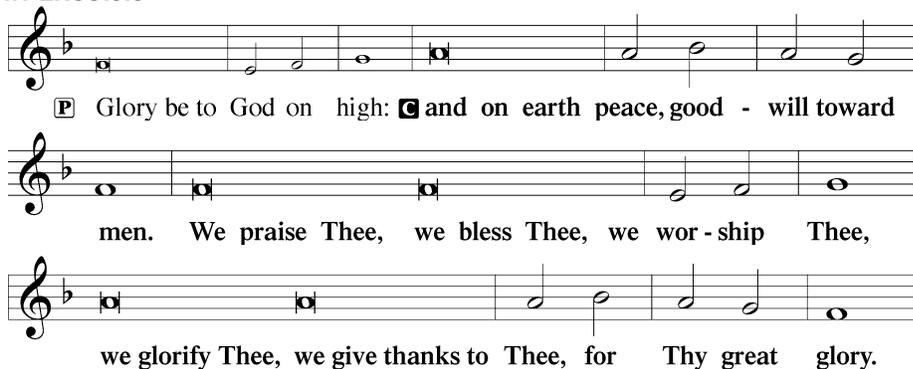
Kyrie

LSB 186



Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187





O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And with thy spirit.

Collect

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 61:10—62:3

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
my soul shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to sprout up before all the nations.

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,
and her salvation as a burning torch.

²The nations shall see your righteousness,
and all the kings your glory,
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Galatians 4:4-7

⁴When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

LSB 190



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

²²When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

²⁹"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,
according to your word;

³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation

³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel."

³³And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

³⁶And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸And coming up at that

very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life \dagger everlasting. Amen.**

937 Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace



1 Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace,
2 This is the Sav - ior of the world,
△ 3 With saints of old, with saints to come,



Your word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -
The Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing
To You we lift our voice; To Fa - ther, Son, and



va - tion's dawn, This child so long fore - told.
in our midst, The joy of Is - ra - el.
Spir - it blest Be hon - or, love, and praise.

Text (sts. 1-2): © 1969, 1989 OCP Publications; (st. 3): © 2006 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110005867
Tune: Public domain

Sermon

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Offertory

LSB 192

- C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

338 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je-sus, Born to set Thy peo-ple free;
2 Born Thy peo-ple to de - liv-er; Born a child and yet a king!



From our fears and sins re-lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Born to reign in us for-ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con-so - la-tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,
By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na-tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

Text and tune: Public domain

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

LSB 251

- L** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
C **Our Father who art in heaven,**
 hallowed be Thy name,
 Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done on earth
 as it is in heaven;
 give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
 and the power and the glory
 forever and ever. Amen.

Benedicamus

LSB 202

- A** Bless we the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

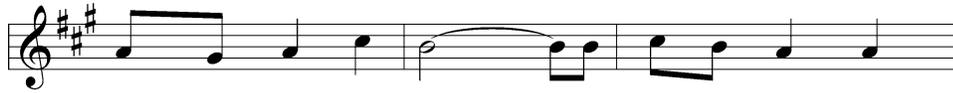
LSB 202

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
C Amen, amen, amen.

720 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight



1 We walk by faith and not by sight, No
2 We may not touch His hands and side, Nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; And
4 For You, O res - ur - rect - ed Lord, Are
5 Lord, when our life of faith is done, In



gra - cious words we hear From Him who spoke as
fol - low where He trod; But in His prom - ise
may our faith a - bound To call on You when
found in means di - vine: Be - neath the wa - ter
realms of clear - er light We may be - hold You



none e'er spoke, But we be - lieve Him near.
we re - joice And cry "My Lord and God!"
You are near And seek where You are found.
and the Word, Be - neath the bread and wine.
as You are, With full and end - less sight.

Tune: © 1984 GIA Publications, Inc. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110005867
Text: Public domain

Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book

Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission.

All rights reserved.

Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2020 Concordia Publishing House.